

HJR 42 -- Legislative Session Dates

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Upon voter approval, this proposed constitutional amendment changes the dates that specified actions can take place on bills filed in a legislative session of the General Assembly. The changes include:

(1) Tabling all bills in either house which remain on the calendar after 6:00 p.m. on the first Friday following the second Monday in April. Currently, the bills are tabled after 6:00 p.m. on the first Friday following the second Monday in May;

(2) Devoting the period between the first Friday following the second Monday in April and May 30 to the enrolling, engrossing, and the signing of bills passed prior to 6:00 p.m. on the first Friday following the second Monday in April. Currently, the time period to perform these actions is between the first Friday following the second Monday in May and May 30 for bills passed prior to 6:00 p.m. on the first Friday following the second Monday in May;

(3) Prohibiting an appropriation bill from being introduced in either house after the fiftieth legislative day with a specified exception. Currently, an appropriation bill cannot be introduced after the sixtieth legislative day with a specified exception; and

(4) Prohibiting an appropriation bill from being taken up for consideration after 6:00 p.m. on the first Friday following the first Monday in April. Currently, an appropriation bill cannot be taken up after 6:00 p.m. on the first Friday following the first Monday in May.